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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
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19 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

20 TESLA, INC., a Delaware corporation,  
21 Plaintiff,

22 vs.

23 MARTIN TRIPP, an individual,  
24 Defendant.

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28 AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS

Case No. 3:18-cv-00296-LRH-CLB

**DECLARATION OF DOUGLAS J.  
BETETA IN SUPPORT OF  
TESLA'S OPPOSITION TO  
TRIPP'S MOTION TO COMPEL  
DEPOSITION OF NON-PARTY  
ELON MUSK**

1 I, Douglas J. Beteta, declare as follows:

2       1. I am Counsel at Charis Lex P.C., counsel of record for Plaintiff and Counter-  
3 Defendant Tesla, Inc. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. If called as a witness,  
4 I could and would competently testify to the matters stated herein. I make this declaration in  
5 support of Tesla's Opposition to Plaintiff Martin Tripp's Motion to Compel Deposition of Elon  
6 Musk.

7       2. Fact discovery in this matter closed on September 9, 2019. From August 30, 2019  
8 until September 23, 2019, Tripp produced over 1,000 pages of documents, the majority of which  
9 are not relevant to any material issue in this case. Instead, the materials appear aimed at Elon Musk.  
10 These materials, and others produced earlier by Tripp, include:

11           a. News articles and other documents concerning litigation involving Tesla,  
12 including lawsuits concerning Tesla's Autopilot feature, accidents involving Tesla vehicles,  
13 and Tesla solar panels.

14           b. Extensive press about Tesla and Musk, for example: detailed articles about  
15 Musk and his managerial style and articles about Tesla's business operations.

16           c. An over 400-page spreadsheet that appears to contain every tweet sent by  
17 Musk between September 2018 and September 2019.

18           d. 180 pages of screenshots of irrelevant tweets concerning Musk and Tesla  
19 including Musk's responses to reporting about Tesla and responses to Musk's tweets, Musk  
20 tweets concerning shortsellers, and Musk tweets regarding Tesla's solar modules.

21           e. Documents from four entirely unrelated lawsuits, such as a ten-year old  
22 complaint filed by a former Tesla executive, a discovery order from a case involving a  
23 person who trespassed on Tesla property and injured a Tesla security guard, and pleadings  
24 from an SEC complaint.

25       3. In response to Tripp's document requests, Tesla has produced all non-privileged  
26 documents in its custody, possession, or control that discuss the threat to the Gigafactory received  
27 by Tesla on or about June 20, 2018.

28       4. During discovery, Tripp deposed individuals who were involved in receiving the

1 June 20 threat to the Gigafactory or in Tesla's response thereto, including Shamara Bell, Nicholas  
2 Gicinto, Jacob Nocon, and Sean Gouthro. Tripp did not depose and did not attempt to depose Jeff  
3 Jones, Kristin Krerowicz, or other individuals who were involved with receiving or responding to  
4 the threat.

5       5. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
6 deposition of Nicholas Gicinto.

7       6. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
8 deposition of Jacob Nocon.

9       7. Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
10 transcript of an interview of Martin Tripp taken on June 14, 2018.

11       8. Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of a screen shot of a text  
12 message produced by Tesla with bates number TES-TRIPP\_0021837.

13       9. Attached hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from an interview  
14 of James Uelmen taken on June 25, 2018.

15       10. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and correct copy of an internal Tesla email  
16 produced by Tesla with bates number TES-TRIPP\_0003390.

17       11. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
18 deposition of Shamara Bell.

19       12. Attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of a meet and confer letter  
20 sent by Tripp's counsel on or about September 23, 2019.

21       13. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9 is a true and correct copy of an internal Tesla email  
22 produced by Tesla with bates number TES-TRIPP\_0003386.

23       14. Attached hereto as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
24 deposition of Martin Tripp.

25       15. Attached hereto as Exhibit 11 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
26 deposition of David Arnold.

27       16. Attached hereto as Exhibit 12 is a true and correct copy of an internal Tesla email  
28 produced by Tesla with bates number TES-TRIPP\_0010445.

17. Attached hereto as Exhibit 13 is a true and correct copy of an email produced by Tesla with bates number TES-TRIPP 0010122.

3       18. Attached hereto as Exhibit 14 is a true and correct copy of excerpts from the  
4 deposition of Sarah O'Brien.

6 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the  
7 foregoing is true and correct. Executed on November 20, 2019, at Pasadena, California.

/s/ Douglas J. Beteta  
Douglas J. Beteta

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